

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 2, 2006, has been received and carefully noted.

Claims 17-47, 49-64, 66-68 and 70-80 are pending in the present application. All amendments to the claims presented in this response were previously presented in Applicants' February 16, 2006 Amendment. Only the status identifiers for claims 41 and 42 have been revised herein, in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 2, 2006. As such, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 100021-00033.

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